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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects undertaken to encourage the production of agricultural products other than wheat, rice and cotton during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the extent of increase in gross as well as per hectare production as a result of these efforts, State-wise and crop-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up councils in each State on the lines of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): To encourage the production of Coarse Cereals, Oilseeds, Pulses, Sugarcane and Jute, the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented in the country during the last three years and current year:

(i) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP- Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.

(ii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).

(iii) Sustainable Development of Surgarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS) under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture; and,

(iv) Mini Mission-II of Jute Technology Mission.

Under these schemes, assistance is provided for various inputs like seeds, agriculture implements, water saving devices, integrated pest management, transfer of crop production and plant protection technology through demonstration and training of farmers and extension workers etc.

(b): The production and yield of Coarse Cereals, Oilseeds, Pulses, Sugarcane and Jute in important states during 2004-05 and 2007-08 are annexed at Annexure I to V.

(c)&(d): There are already 48 Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, 5 Bureaux, 12 Project Directorates, 30 National Research Centres, 138 Sub-stations of ICAR Institutes, 77 All India Co-ordinated Research Projects (AICRPs)/All India Network Research Projects (AINPs), 563 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), besides 42 State Agricultural Universities and 4 Central Universities having faculty of Agriculture and 1 Central Agricultural University. In view of this, there is no proposal to set up Councils in each state on the lines of ICAR.